

5 Abstract

A perforating gun includes a plurality of charge containers and an elongate carrier strip. Each charge container may be mounted within a hole in the carrier strip or in a hole in a mounting bracket secured to the carrier strip through substantially continuous contact between an outer surface of the charge carrier and an inner surface of the mounting hole. One or more relief
10 holes are positioned longitudinally adjacent to each mounting hole, with a longitudinal spacing between a perimeter of the relief hole and a perimeter of the mounting hole being less than the width between a respective hole and the edge of the carrier strip or mounting bracket.